

Addendum

Annual Conference 2011
Book of Reports



Holston Conference
The United Methodist Church

June 12–15, 2011
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Addition to Ushers/Tellers (page 8)

Cleveland District (Laity)

Replace Will Conner with Rita Graham

Johnson City District (Clergy)

David Gass
 Chuck Griffin
 Rex Hill
 Estel Williams

Addition to Boards Requiring Confirmation (page 137) Holston United Methodist Home for Children

...members of the board ... shall be nominated and elected by the boards and confirmed by the Annual Conference.

Chair..... Brenda Parrish-Dickmann
Vice ChairMary Margaret Denton
Secretary Daniel R. Shore
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Assistant Treasurer Dave W. Ford

<u>Panel 2011</u>	<u>Panel 2012</u>	<u>Panel 2013</u>	<u>Panel 2014</u>
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Cole Piper	Nancy P. Casson	Mitch Cox	Stephen Brumit
James O. Sexton	Mary Margaret Denton	Ivy M. Leonard	John B. McGuffin
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Thomas J. Wright	Randall C. Thomas	Debra B. Oldenberg	Donald L. Ratliff

Ex-Officio:

Resident Bishop, Holston ConferenceJames E. Swanson, Sr.
Representative, Outreach Advocacy Team, Health & WelfareNicole Krewson
President/CEO HUMHC Arthur S. Masker
Morristown District Superintendent
Legal CounselRichard M. Currie, Jr.

For confirmation 2011 Annual Conference- in **bold**

Report No. 12 (pages 113-114)
Board of Trustees
Remove Two Portions of Report from Consent Agenda

The Holston Conference Board of Trustees is seeking action on the following items that have been included as a part of their written report at the 2011 Annual Conference; these two items must be discussed on the floor of the Annual Conference and should not be included as a part of the consent agenda. The two items will be discussed at the conclusion of the report given by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration on Monday morning and will be offered for a formal vote by the Annual Conference at the conclusion of the budget adoption on Wednesday.

1. Sale of the existing Episcopal Residence

The Board of Trustees of the Holston Conference is seeking approval, in accordance with ¶2515 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline*, for the Holston Annual Conference to sell the existing Episcopal Residence and purchase or build a new Episcopal Residence in Blount County, Tennessee. A Task Force is currently being formed to identify the current and future needs and make recommendation to the Board of Trustees. It is expected that “bridge financing” will be required as the former residence is prepared and marketed for sale. The anticipated “bridge financing” will *not* include the use of any Apportionment or Direct Invoicing Dollars. The Trustees will also be establishing a policy to replace the Episcopal Residence every 15-1/2 years to coincide with the assignments of a resident Bishop.

Even though this is a bad time to sell real estate, we believe it is a good time to purchase or build a new Episcopal Residence, especially in light of the impending move of Bishop Swanson.

Seeking a motion to adopt this recommendation from the Holston Conference Board of Trustees subject to any other approvals required by *The Book of Discipline 2008*.

2. Creation of a Title Holding Corporation to hold property on behalf of the Holston Annual Conference

The Holston Conference Board of Trustees is also seeking approval from this Annual Conference for the establishment of a separately incorporated (Tennessee) corporation with IRS 501(c)3 status (not for profit). The sole purpose of this newly created corporation will be to receive, hold, and liquidate real property determined to be “surplus,” as defined by *The Book of Discipline*. The corporation would be established according to the mandates of The United Methodist Church. This action would provide for a better flow of property title and may better protect the interest and assets of the Holston Conference.

Seeking a motion to adopt this recommendation from the Holston Conference Board of Trustees, subject to any other approvals required by *The Book of Discipline 2008*.

Addendum to Report No. 15 (page 123)
Committee on Nominations

Please note the following changes to the report of the Committee on Nominations.

IV. Board of Lay Ministry

United Methodist Women: Replace Teddy Stevens with Georgia Lister
Remove Patty Muse as member-at-large

VI. Discipleship Team

Vice Chairperson: Remove Sandra Johnson; add TBD
Remove Sandra Johnson from the membership of the Team
Nurture Ministry Team: Replace Jeff Wright with Leanna Robertson

a. Missions Ministry Team

Conference Secretary of Global Ministries: Replace Bill Daugherty with Anne Travis
Staff Resource/Coordinator of Missions: Replace Bill Daugherty with Anne Travis

c. Outreach/Advocacy Ministry Team

Chairperson, Church and Society: Replace Bruce Spangler with Andrew Amodei
Representative, Alcohol and Related Issues: Remove Diantha Hodges; add TBD

VII. Board of Ordained Ministry

Co-Chairs, Division of Local Pastors: Remove Tom Ballard
Remove Tom Ballard as member

IX. Council on Finance and Administration

Remove Steve Sallee

b. Board of Trustees

President: Replace Gene Frazer with Jim Wheeler

Addendum to Report No. 16 (page 142)
A. Report
Committee on Rules and Order

Standing Rule 14:

Add a new rule to the Standing Rules, numbered 14 by addition of a second paragraph:

“Agenda items and reports not requiring action by the Annual Conference other than a vote to receive said item for publication in the Journal shall be placed on a Consent Agenda. For any item or report to be eligible for placement on the Consent Agenda, it must have been distributed in the pre-Conference materials. Determination of items to be placed on the Consent Agenda shall be made annually by a committee composed of the Conference Secretary, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Order, and the Director of Connectional Ministries. An individual item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by a written request signed by twelve clergy and/or lay members of the Annual Conference and presented to the Conference Secretary prior to the first business session of the Annual Conference. When an individual item has been removed from the Consent Agenda, it shall be placed into the regular agenda at an appropriate time as determined by the Conference Secretary.”

This proposal from the Annual Conference Program Committee will allow the annual conference time for balloting without adding length to the overall time required to take care of business during the session.

Report No. 22 (page 159)

Asbury, Inc.

“Providing freedom and security with compassion”

Asbury, Inc., better known as Asbury Place and affiliated with the Holston Conference, is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit CCRC, Continuing Care Retirement Community, providing services to over 600 seniors in three locations throughout the Holston Conference in Cottages/Patio Homes, Residential Living Apartments, Assisted Living Apartments, Health Care and Memory Support Units. Asbury operates on an annual budget of \$29 million; the majority of our revenue comes from residents through Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements and private insurance. Over 430 full- and part-time employees serve our residents in Johnson City, Maryville, and Kingsport. Over the past several years many changes have occurred at Asbury. Driven by a comprehensive Master Planning process and endorsed by the Asbury, Inc., Board of Directors, Asbury has reinvented itself at each of the three communities, ensuring a solid future of serving the seniors of East Tennessee.

Maryville – Construction has begun on the new St. Clair Villa Apartment Homes. Three new buildings will be located on the Maryville campus to take advantage of the beautiful lake and mountain views. Thirty-six new residents will join the Asbury-Maryville family beginning in January 2012 and enjoy not only a brand new apartment home, but a new community Clubhouse with a full-service Bistro and state-of-the-art fitness center. The future holds plans for a new Assisted Living and Healthcare Center as well.

Kingsport – Baysmont – Baysmont has recently undergone a \$1.75 million renovation of its 27-year-old building, offering new and renewed services for the residents. The addition of a café, theater, enlarged library, and a new wellness center that provides a steam room and massage therapy for both residents and the staff of Asbury have enhanced lifestyle options for residents. During the past year, 15 of the 94 residential living apartments have been completely renovated to include newly remodeled kitchens, tiled showers, and the addition of washers and dryers. The Healthcare Center has also been renovated to reflect a more home-like environment.

Kingsport – Steadman Hill – On this campus, Asbury offers Assisted Living and Memory Care Services, thus completing the continuum of services in Kingsport.

Forest Ridge Manor – Asbury’s commitment to provide services to all seniors, regardless of their economic status, includes Forest Ridge, our HUD community, offering affordable housing options for seniors.

Johnson City – After a painful decision to vacate the old hospital building and cease offering the residential living in the apartments there, the Asbury Board made the decision to focus on the 82-bed Healthcare Center. As part of the comprehensive Master Planning process that Asbury underwent, a new addition to the Healthcare Center is in process that will include a new kitchen, dining room, laundry, beauty salon, staff lounge, and enlarged therapy room. Completion of the addition is planned for December 2011.

As a part of Asbury's mission, we have retained the services of a development/fund raising consultant to assist Asbury in its ability to offer fellowship assistance to residents who need financial assistance, maintain our campus assets, and offer more services to our residents. Over the past year, Asbury has spent over \$90,000 in free and discounted care for seniors. We expect that to increase in the coming years – thus the need to seek donations from those who wish to support Asbury both now and in the future through philanthropic gifts to ensure that Asbury can continue to fulfill this important part of its mission and ensure its future.

I close with a story of such a generous soul:

The Asbury communities received a gift from the estate of Nora Frey. Nora Cooper Carter was born in Bristol, Tennessee, on October 6, 1901. It was interesting to note that she was never a resident at any of our communities. She was a humble woman who refused to have her picture taken. We were given the only studio picture in existence that was taken when she was 22 years old. Nora received her teaching certificate from East Tennessee Normal School, now known as East Tennessee State University, and for several years, she taught school (a job she disliked). She spent 20 years working as a sales clerk at H.P. King Company in Bristol, Tennessee (a job she liked). On November 30, 1933, Nora married Floyd F. Frey. They had no children. She liked to crochet and knit, and we were told by a family member that she was very good at this. She loved to drive, but this same family member said that she was a terrible driver.

At her request, upon her death on April 17, 1991, her body was donated to the medical school at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Through her generous bequest that was distributed to several Holston Conference ministries,



Asbury has seed money that will be the foundation of a campaign to raise the additional funds needed to purchase two buses for the Maryville and Kingsport communities so that additional transportation services can be provided to the residents at Asbury Place. We thank you, Nora, from the bottom of our hearts. Your generous gift will be appreciated by so many at Asbury in the years to come.

Marjorie Shonnard
VP of Operations, Asbury, Inc.

Report No. 23 (page 159)

Holston United Methodist Home for Children 2010 Report to Annual Conference

The work of Holston Home, in true Wesleyan tradition, provides a ministry of hope and healing to “orphans of the living,” children who have been rejected by their families, whose behavior is unacceptable to the community, or who have lost hope in a world they don’t understand and are not equipped to deal with. Most of them have no hope for the future. But lives change when you provide a warm, secure place to live; emphasize developing God-given potential; and, most important, teach them about the love of Jesus, the Christ.

Thank you for your part in answering God’s call to disenfranchised, frustrated, alienated, broken children and families. Listed are some of the accomplishments which you have made possible during the past year.

- ★ Fifth Sunday offerings and giving to The Holston Advance grow each year. During 2010, 636 churches have responded to the ministry to help needy children through Holston Home.
- ★ During the year care was provided for 743 children. Thirty-seven children completed 12 years of school, and 31 children made a profession of faith and were baptized.
- ★ Holston Home was reaccredited by the Council on Accreditation. National accreditation measures the agency’s policies, practices, and operations against national best practice standards and testifies to our commitment to high-quality services and ethical practices. The agency has been accredited for the past 12 years.
- ★ Beacon School was monitored by the Department of Education. All student files obtained a perfect score. Title 1 Monitoring for the 2010 year was approved for future funding.
- ★ The George R. Johnson Equestrian Barn, which was destroyed by fire on December 13, 2009, has been replaced with another barn and is scheduled for dedication on January 20, 2011. Design plans were developed by King Construction of Pennsylvania, and the Board of Trustees selected Hite Construction of Greeneville to build the barn. All funds for construction were secured through insurance, The George R. Johnson Family Trust of Cleveland, grants, and miscellaneous contributions.
- ★ April 22, 2010, was celebrated as Earth Day, and the youth and staff created a walking path to ensure the safety of children between Beacon School and the barn.
- ★ Friends of Children dinners were held in Greeneville, Knoxville, and Kingsport.
- ★ Two NOMADS (Nomads On A Mission Active in Divine Service) groups helped with restoration of the Old Superintendent’s House, painted Bewley Center, and built fences on the farm. These husband-and-wife teams volunteered more than 2,000 hours of hard work. Other volunteer groups gave a total of 18,000 hours of work to Holston Home during the year.
- ★ Art Masker was named “Administrator of the Year” for the Child and Family Division of the United Methodist Association. He will receive recognition at their Convention in San Antonio in March.
- ★ Agency leaders continue to partner with Holston Conference leaders in exploring the potential for an orphanage in Yei, Sudan.

James 1:27 reminds us that “Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles...” (NLT) The record of Holston Home’s ministry to children, youth, and families; the prayers and the free-will gifts of Holston Conference United Methodists in the pew; the great work of Holston Home Ambassadors; and the support of the pastors prove that Methodists in Holston Conference really care for the children who need our love.

We seek your continued support. We give thanks for your heart connection and pledge to care for as many children as you are willing to underwrite. Your interest determines our future.

Plan to visit our Greeneville campus and experience firsthand the transformation and redemption that is taking place in the lives of children. Then share our story with others in your church. Remember to pray for the children, their families and our staff.

- Arthur S. Masker, President/CEO
- Brenda Parrish-Dickmann, Chair, Board of Trustees

Report No. 25 (page 161)

Chaplain Ministers to Woman on Death Row and at Execution

On September 23rd, 2010, at 9:13 p.m., Teresa Lewis was pronounced dead – executed by lethal injection at the Greensville Correctional Center in Jarratt, Virginia. The story garnered national and international attention, since this was the first execution of a woman in Virginia since 1912. Lewis had been sentenced to death in 2003 for the October 30, 2002, Pittsylvania County murder-for-hire slayings of her husband and stepson. According to the state, she had used sex and promises of money to persuade two men to kill for her in a failed effort to gain \$250,000 in life insurance. The shooters were both sentenced to life in prison, but the courts determined that Lewis had been the “mastermind” behind the murders, and thus she received the death penalty. The Governor of Virginia and the Supreme Court of the United States both rejected Lewis’s final appeals for clemency.

Teresa Lewis’s attorneys and her many supporters (including Amnesty International and author John Grisham) strongly believed that her life should have been spared due to several mitigating factors. First, Teresa was tested and found to have an extremely low IQ. Second, she was diagnosed as having a personality disorder that caused her to react to life situations in a very gullible and childlike manner. Third, at the time of the crime she was addicted to pain medication and was thus unable to make sound judgments. Perhaps most importantly, one of the shooters wrote a jailhouse letter confessing that it was *he* that masterminded the crime – that he had tricked Teresa Lewis into becoming romantically involved with him and then into assisting with the murders. The other shooter committed suicide while incarcerated. Teresa herself expressed deep remorse and freely admitted her involvement in this horrible crime. She believed that she should spend the rest of her life in prison for her role, but she always denied that she was the mastermind.

Prior to her execution, Teresa Lewis served over seven years in solitary confinement at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. During this time, she developed a strong personal faith in Christ. She was baptized in prison, and she spent nearly all of her waking hours studying her Bible and reading Christian books and materials. Inmates and staff alike testified that hers was no “jailhouse religion.” Teresa spent much of her time encouraging other inmates, often listening to their struggles and then praying with them through the air vents (since she could not see them face to face). She also had a beautiful singing voice, and she would lift that voice up often over the years, singing hymns and gospel songs to lift the spirits of her fellow inmates and even of the staff.

Julie Perry, the Chaplain at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, had the responsibility and privilege of serving as Teresa Lewis’s prison pastor during her final years. Additionally, Teresa asked Chaplain Perry to serve as her spiritual advisor at her execution. Julie agreed to do so, and what she witnessed during Teresa’s final days, hours and minutes amazed her. She states that what she saw was not a woman full of dread, fear or anxiety, but rather a woman that was strong, confident, and filled with faith, peace and even joy. Instead of thinking of herself, Teresa had written out a long list of names of people she wanted to pray for, and that’s what she spent her final days and hours doing – lifting up others in intercessory prayer (including the sentencing judge, the Governor, prison officials, etc.). When friends and supporters came to see her, *she* ended up comforting *them*! Teresa Lewis clung to her strong faith in Jesus Christ right through her final breath. Her life and her death have become a testimony of the saving power and grace of God. Julie Perry states that Teresa made a lasting impression on her life (and on the lives of countless others).

Julie Perry is one of 35 prison Chaplains serving in 32 adult prison facilities and in three juvenile correctional centers across the Commonwealth of Virginia. These Chaplains are hired, supervised and

compensated by Chaplain Service Prison Ministry of Virginia, Inc. For over 90 years this non-profit, inter-denominational ministry has provided Chaplains to Virginia's state prisons. It is a truly unique arrangement in which "the people in the pews" (i.e. the denominations, churches and individuals) assist the state correctional system by providing these "prison pastors." By supporting Chaplain Service, you are following the words of Christ Himself: "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36). Thank you for your ongoing, faithful support!

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Teresa Lewis



Chaplain Julie Perry



Protesters at Teresa Lewis Execution



Lethal Injection Table in Death Chamber

Report No. 29 (page 164)

Hiwassee College

“Hiwassee College, founded in 1849 and associated with the United Methodist Church, is a liberal arts, residential institution of higher education, providing quality education for all students in an atmosphere that promotes intellectual pursuit, spiritual growth, and social and personal responsibility.”

Hiwassee College’s Mission Statement quoted above continues to guide the work of the college as we anticipate the beginning of the 163rd year. With the selection of a new President, Dr. Robin Tricoli, the college makes plans for moving forward in programming, service to the community, and guiding students as they prepare for becoming a vital part of the nation’s future.

The college recently received the following notification from the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools: “At the November 7-9, 2010, TRACS accreditation meeting, the Commission voted to accept the staff recommendation that Hiwassee College is now in full compliance with all recommendations that remained from the On-Site Evaluation Team Visit for Candidacy. No further *Progress Report* is required of the institution. I congratulate Hiwassee College, its administration, faculty and staff on its achievement and for its dedication and commitment to quality Christian higher education.” One of the major results of this accreditation status was to once again enable the college to qualify for and receive access to both federal and state financial aid dollars – a benefit the college did not have during the previous two years.

The past year has been a time of many positives that position the college to move forward with renewed excitement and expectations:

- Increases in both fall and spring enrollment;
- The addition of successful baccalaureate programs;
- Increased retention rates over the past year because more students are choosing to remain and complete the baccalaureate degree at Hiwassee;
- Increases in transfer student enrollment;
- The addition of dual enrollment offerings in the three Monroe County high schools (233 students registered for 33 courses during the academic year);
- The inaugural class of 10 students in the dental hygiene program;
- Continued strong enrollments in pre-professional programs, business, criminal justice, equine science, agriculture, and education;
- An increase of approximately 20% in restricted and unrestricted giving.

A new Strategic Plan is being developed to take advantage of the traditional strength of Hiwassee’s commitment to quality education in a Christian environment. In addition, the goal is to position the college for sustainability as we move forward in areas of resource development, new program development, environmentally responsible operations, and, most importantly,

ensuring that our students develop the necessary skills to be servant leaders in an ever-changing society.

Plans are being implemented for improving certain areas of the campus in order to provide better facilities for students in the way of residence halls and recreational opportunities. Renovation of the swimming pool will serve to attract not only students to the campus, but also community families and summer camps. Volunteer groups will be on campus this summer to work on riding, walking, and exercise trails. Hiwassee has traditionally provided its facilities to groups from the Monroe County area. Improvements to campus facilities will benefit persons attending cultural events, theatre and music productions, lectures, high school commencements, and activities of the Monroe Area Council for the Arts.

Over the past two years, the college has seen growth in the area of spiritual development. The Christian Student Movement (CSM) has continued with fine Bible teaching. Students are becoming better leaders and beginning to formulate their own theology. The weekly Chapel services continue to challenge the students' thinking. The CSM leaders joined with the Hiwassee choral groups for a spring tour during which they provided leadership in Sunday worship, held concerts in the Orlando Lutheran Center, and spent a day of mission work at the Greater Orlando Christian Service Center. They ministered by working in the food pantry and a clothing thrift store, digging drainage ditches, and singing to over 300 homeless people who came for a free lunch. Students come away from events like this with changed hearts and attitudes and pass along these experiences to students on campus.

While the past few years have been very difficult from a financial standpoint, there is renewed enthusiasm about the future. The college is grateful for the leadership provided by two interim presidents, Dr. Jerry Russell and Dr. Charles Neal. Through a period of reduced budgets, the college benefitted from a wonderful spirit of volunteerism as persons from Knoxville to Chattanooga and various groups of NOMADS could be found on the campus painting, repairing bathrooms in residence halls, landscaping, providing a system of increased security for the residence halls, refurbishing a rental house on campus, and many other "behind-the-scenes" physical plant improvements. Perhaps one of the most important benefits of this was the impact it made on students who were able to witness first-hand the concept of giving back to the community through servant leadership.

In summary, Hiwassee College continues her commitment to a close and dynamic relationship with the Holston Annual Conference and the United Methodist Church. The belief in and the support of the college by the Conference is greatly appreciated.